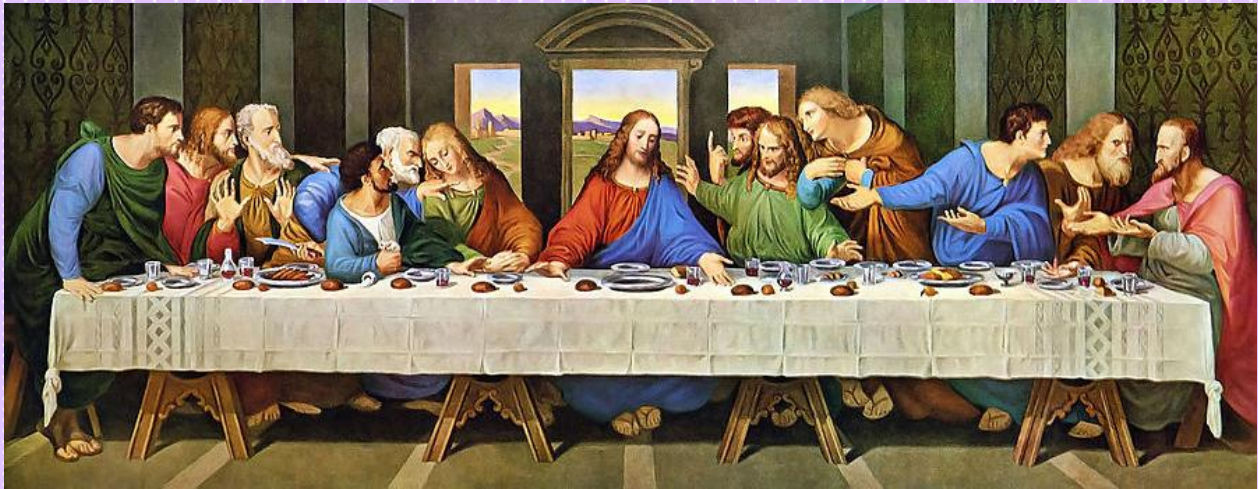


CHRIS' CORNER

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Good afternoon Front Street. Today is Maundy Thursday, the day Christ and the disciples ate for the last time together. The picture above is Da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. I was a lot older before I learned to really look to see what is going on in this painting. Note that all the disciples are either looking or pointing at Christ, except Judas Iscariot.

This Holy Week has been unlike anything we have experienced before. Without an opportunity to gather tonight it will continue to be different. I urge you to get together with your family and friends through Zoom or something similar so you can participate in this most solemn night.

If you remember, our youth groups watched movies at the beginning of Lent that focused on Christ and this time in his life. The Senior Highs watched the Passion of the Christ and that movie dealt with the last 12 hours of His life. It is my hope that all of our youth will think about the ultimate sacrifice that reached its peak over the next two days.

Christ took our sins and iniquities on Himself and was beaten and put to death in the most grueling way, to save us all. Reflect on that gift and turn your attention away from being stuck at home or separated from others and look at it in comparison to the sacrifice Christ made.

In a way, the Lenten 2020 season should last in our memories forever. Hopefully this difficult time will bring our focus back to what is most important. The

Disciples were commanded not to love others as they would love, but to love others as Christ loved them. That is a big difference and hopefully we all see that now.

SUMMER MISSIONS INFO

This past Tuesday afternoon, Appalachian Service Project team leaders received an email from Walter Crouch, the CEO of ASP, notifying us that due to the pandemic of the Coronavirus, the summer volunteer program would be cancelled. This was not unexpected, but like all bad news you expect but hope doesn't come, this is a big blow to us all. It is a blow to thousands of youth and adults who had been planning and prepping and fundraising for the past year. It is especially hard for our seniors that will miss their last opportunity as high school participants.

But what we need to focus on is those in Appalachia, who are going to potentially miss out on vital repairs or additions to their homes. This CV-19 pandemic is no doubt impacting those in need more than it is me, so I am constantly in thought and prayer for them. "Keeping things in perspective" is so cliché, but when you begin thinking how hard this situation is on you, remember those who have it worse.

Now not all news is bad news; ASP will be utilizing the hired summer staffers and local contractors to work on as many of the requested projects as possible. Those who have been on the mission trip before know the analogy of the band-aid. Poverty in Appalachia is a gaping wound, and we are only a band-aid on that wound. But it helps heal wounds. Because of this need, our mission funds that we have already paid will be donated to ASP to get these projects off the ground.

Below is a link to the video from Walter:

ASP Message on 2020 Summer Volunteer Program

I want to recognize those youth and adults who were scheduled to attend ASP and JAM, or the Junior High ASP program:

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Thank you to all these ladies and gentlemen who volunteered their time preparing and planning for these trips. We shall gather again next year and be stronger than ever.

To those of you who have donated to our Mission Fund, whether through Charleston Wrap, Equal Exchange Coffee, Stock Certificates, or general donations, the need is still there. We will continue our mission work when we can, and your donations will continue to build our mission fund. Thank you so much for your support, we could not do anything without you. We are grateful.

Stay home, stay safe and stay healthy friends.

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